



Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Application No. 09/720,879

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-10 are withdrawn as being directed to a non-elected invention. Claim 31 is rejected. Claims 11-30 are allowed. Claims 1-10 and 31 are cancelled. Applicant reserves all rights under 35 U.S.C. § 121 with regard to the filing of a divisional application on restricted claims 1-10.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102 & 103

Claim 31 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wiljan (5,377,917).

Claim 31 also is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiljan (5,377,917).

These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of the claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has allowed claims 11-30. Applicants have cancelled withdrawn claims 1-10 and rejected claim 31. Accordingly, only allowable claims remain pending in the application.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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